

Daily Digest

Wednesday, January 7, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

First session of the Eighty-sixth Congress convened.

Thirty-six Senators took their oaths of office, including two from Alaska.

Senate adopted procedural resolutions, and held preliminary discussion of rules changes.

Majority assignments announced for House Committees on Rules, Ways and Means, Appropriations, and House Administration.

Senate

Chamber Action

Resolutions Submitted: Five resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 1-5. Pages 7-8

Swearing In of Newly Elected Senators: The following 32 Senators, elected in November 1958 for the term expiring in 1965, were sworn in: Senators Beall, Byrd (Virginia), Byrd (West Virginia), Cannon, Chavez, Dodd, Engle, Goldwater, Gore, Hart, Hartke, Holland, Hruska, Jackson, Keating, Kennedy, Langer, Mansfield, McCarthy, McGee, Moss, Muskie, Pastore, Prouty, Proxmire, Scott, Stennis, Symington, Williams (New Jersey), Williams (Delaware), Yarborough, and Young (Ohio).

In addition, the following two Senators were sworn in for the balance of the unexpired terms to which they had been elected in November 1958: Senators Jordan (1961) and Randolph (1961). Page 6

Procedural Resolutions Adopted: The Senate adopted the following procedural resolutions:

Classes of Alaska Senators: S. Res. 1, providing for determination by lot of classes to which Senators from Alaska shall be assigned.

Notification of quorum: S. Res. 2, providing for the appointment of two Senators to advise the President that a quorum of the Senate is present and ready to receive any message. Senators Johnson of Texas and Dirksen were appointed to this committee.

Legislative program: S. Res. 3, advising the House that a quorum of the Senate is present and ready to transact business.

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Hour of meeting: S. Res. 4, setting the hour of 12 o'clock meridian as the hour of daily meeting of the Senate unless otherwise ordered. Pages 7-8

Senators From Alaska: Following presentation, reading, and filing of their credentials, Senators Bartlett and Gruening, of Alaska, were sworn in.

Pursuant to provisions of S. Res. 1, previously adopted, Senator Gruening drew slip No. 3, providing for expiration of his term on January 3, 1963, and Senator Bartlett drew slip No. 2, providing for expiration of his term on January 3, 1961. Pages 7-8

Senate Rules: Senator Johnson (Texas) submitted S. Res. 5, to amend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of Senate by permitting cloture on vote of two-thirds of Senators present and voting, to extend cloture to motions to proceed to consider a change in the Standing Rules of Senate, and to provide that rules of Senate shall continue from one Congress to the next unless changed as provided in the rules. Consideration of this resolution was prevented by objection of Senator Case (New Jersey), and the resolution was ordered to lie over 1 day under the rule. Senator Johnson (Texas) then submitted notice of intention to move to amend Standing Rules of Senate in manner provided in S. Res. 5, above described. Pages 8-11

Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1,385 public bills, H.R. 1-1385; 382 private bills, H.R. 1386-1767; and 201 resolutions, H. J. Res. 1-106, H. Con. Res. 1-30, and H. Res. 1-65.

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Committee Reports: The following 15 reports were filed by Committees of the 85th Congress subsequent to its adjournment:

Activity of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 85th Congress (H. Rept. 2705);

Legislative Control of Federal Positions and Salaries (H. Rept. 2706);

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate and Study the Operation and Enforcement of the Hatch Political Activities Act (H. Rept. 2707);

Report of Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures, 1958 (H. Rept. 2708);

Report of Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration entitled "International Cooperation in the Exploration of Space" (H. Rept. 2709);

Report of Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration entitled "The United States and Outer Space" (H. Rept. 2710);

Report of Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce entitled "Independent Regulatory Commissions" (H. Rept. 2711);

Report of Committee on Government Operations entitled "Forty-second Report Pertaining to Government Programs in International Education" (H. Rept. 2712);

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Price Discrimination in the Distribution of Dairy Products" (H. Rept. 2713);

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Law Enforcement Activities Affecting Small Business" (H. Rept. 2714);

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Interim Report on 'Definition of Small Business' by Subcommittee No. 2" (H. Rept. 2715);

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Small Business Problems in the Aluminum Industry" (H. Rept. 2716);

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Problems in the Poultry Industry" (H. Rept. 2717);

Report of Selected Committee on Small Business entitled "Final Report" (H. Rept. 2718); and

Report of the Committee on the District of Columbia entitled "Report of the Special Subcommittee To Investigate the Operation, Administration, and Enforce-

ment of the Public Works Act of 1954, the Revenue Act of 1956, and the Organization, Management, Operation, and Administration of the Department of Public Health of the District of Columbia" (H. Rept. 2719).

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Election of Speaker: By a vote of 281 to 148, with 2 Members-elect voting present, Sam Rayburn, of Texas, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives over Charles A. Halleck, of Indiana. The Speaker was escorted to the Chair by Representatives Halleck, McCormack, Vinson, Cannon, and Hoeven.

Representative Vinson administered the oath of office to the Speaker, who subsequently administered the oath to 430 Members-elect en bloc. Representative-elect Alford of the Fifth Congressional District of Arkansas was requested to stand aside during the en bloc oath administration when objection was raised by Representative Dingell to the swearing in of Mr. Alford. Subsequently the House by a voice vote adopted H. Res. 1, authorizing the administration of the oath of office to Representative-elect Alford, which was immediately done by the Speaker.

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Party Leaders: It was announced that Representatives McCormack and Halleck were selected as majority and minority leaders, respectively.

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Election of House Officers: Adopted H. Res. 2, electing the following officers of the House of Representatives:

Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Zeake W. Johnson, Jr., Sergeant at Arms.

William M. Miller, Doorkeeper.

H. H. Morris, Postmaster.

Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., Chaplain.

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Notify Senate: Adopted H. Res. 4, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House had assembled and had elected Sam Rayburn, a Representative from the State of Texas, Speaker; and Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Notify President: Adopted H. Res. 5, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee of three Members to join with a like committee of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communications that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently the Speaker appointed Representatives McCormack, Price, and Halleck.

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Inform President: Adopted H. Res. 6, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the President that the

House of Representatives had elected Sam Rayburn, a Representative from the State of Texas, Speaker; and Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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House Rules: Adopted H. Res. 7, providing that the rules of the House of Representatives for the 86th Congress will be the same as those of the 85th Congress.

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Minority Employees: Adopted H. Res. 8, announcing the selection, and fixing the salaries, of the following minority employees: Harry L. Brookshire, William R. Bonsell, Tom J. Kennamer, Beecher Hess, and James P. Griffin.

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Resignations: Heard the reading of letters of resignation from the following: Representative Wigglesworth, of the 13th Congressional District of Massachusetts; and Representative Latham, of the 4th Congressional District of New York.

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Majority Committee Assignments: Adopted H. Res. 9, electing certain majority Members to the following standing committees: House Administration, Rules, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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Hour of Meeting: Adopted H. Res. 10, fixing the hour of meeting in the House of Representatives at 12 o'clock noon.

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Absentee Members' Oaths: Adopted H. Res. 11 and 12, providing for administering the oath of office to Representatives Taylor and Reed, respectively, who were necessarily absent due to illness.

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Joint Session: Adopted H. Con. Res. 1, providing for a joint session of Congress on Friday, January 9, to hear the President deliver his state of the Union message.

The calling of a recess was made in order at any time on Friday.

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Appropriations Committee: Adopted H. Res. 13, fixing the membership of the Committee on Appropriations at 50 for the duration of the 86th Congress. Also adopted H. Res. 14, authorizing the committee to sit during sessions of the House.

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Committee Employees: Adopted H. Res. 15, providing that standing committees of the House shall have authority to approve the employment and compensation of committee employees from January 3, 1959, or such subsequent dates as their services commenced.

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NATO Parliamentary Conference: Announcement was made by the Speaker that, on November 11, he had appointed Representative McGovern a delegate to the NATO Parliamentary Conference to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative McCarthy.

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House Office Building Commission: The Speaker appointed Representatives Vinson and Auchincloss to serve with him on the House Office Building Commission.

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Condolence Resolutions: Adopted H. Res. 16, 17, and 18, providing for expressions of sympathy and condolences on the death of Representatives Eberharter, Simpson of Illinois, and McGregor, respectively.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Thursday, January 8, 1959

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Senate debated matter of rules changes.

Senate

Chamber Action

Resolution Submitted: One resolution was submitted, as follows: S. Res. 6.

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Joint Session: Senate adopted H. Con. Res. 1, providing for a joint session of Congress on Friday, January 9, to hear the President deliver his state of the Union message.

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Senate Rules: S. Res. 5 was laid before the Senate, it having come over under the rule from the previous day. This resolution would amend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate by permitting cloture on vote of two-thirds of Senators present and voting, to extend cloture to motions to proceed to consider a change in the Standing Rules of the Senate, and to provide that rules of Senate shall continue from one Congress to the